CADMUS.

What husband led thce of old from mine abode ?

AGAVE.

Echfon, whom men named the Child of Earth*

CADMUS,

And what child in Echion's house had birth ?

AGAVE,

Penthexis, of my love and his father's bred.

CADMUS.

nrhou bearest in thine arms an head—what head ?

AGAVE

*(beginning to trembly and not holing at what she carries^*

A lion's—so they all said in the chase.

CADMUS.

Turn to it now—"'tis no long toil—and gaze.

AGAVE,

Ah 1 But what is it ? What am I carrying here?

CADMUS.

Look once upon it full, till all be clear I

AGAVE,

I see - * * most deadly pain 1 Oh, woe is me 1

CADMUS.

Wears it the likeness of a lion to thcc f